



ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
ALSTEAD, N. H.

Year Ending December 31, 1959

On this site  
stood the house built and  
occupied by  
Noah Vilas  
1733-1799  
and his son  
Nathaniel Vilas  
1766-1852  
whose children born here  
numbered twenty.  
It was also the home of  
his son  
Cyrus Kingsbury Vilas  
1815-1887  
and the birthplace of his  
children  
Mary Vilas Packard  
1850-1908  
and  
Charles Nathaniel Vilas  
1852-1931

The above words appear on a tablet mounted on the original doorstep of the old Vilas home, by C. N. Vilas in 1925.

Noah Vilas came to Alstead in 1779, from Grafton, Mass., located on a height of land in the South-west part of town near Alstead Center. About 1788, his son Nathaniel took over the farm and they built the large home where he reared a family of twenty children. Across the road he had a shoe shop, employing twelve men and he was also involved in road construction through heavy forests and in the moving of buildings, the largest being the Baptist Church at Alstead Center, to Paper Mill Village. Cyrus K. Vilas, son of Nathaniel, stayed on this 180 acre farm until after his father's death in 1852. This was one month after the birth of Cyrus' son and Alstead's great benefactor, Charles N. Vilas. He sold the farm in 1853 and in 1860 settled in Paper Mill Village on River Street in the house now known as the parsonage, succeeding John Dickinson in the drug business. He served the town in many capacities and died in 1887.

Charles Nathaniel Vilas, hotel proprietor and philanthropist, was born in Alstead, November 12, 1852, a great-great grandson of Peter and Mary (Gay) Vilas of English descent. Following a public school education, he obtained employment at the Bay State House, Worcester, Mass. In 1872 he became associated with his uncle, Hiram Hitchcock, one of the proprietors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, one of the most famous hostelrys, in the United States. Beginning as a clerk, he held various positions of importance and upon the retirement of Hiram Hitchcock, he purchased a half interest, his associate being Elmer A. Darling, a nephew of his uncle's partner. The two nephews of the original owners continued successfully until the building was razed in 1908. The success of the Fifth Avenue Hotel was in no small measure due to Vilas' able management.

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# DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS

1959

<b>Selectmen</b>	W. R. Phipps, Chairman	Term Expires	1960
	Frank C. Dustin		1961
	Harry A. Spooner		1962
<b>Moderator</b>	Ivan E. Head (Resigned)		
<b>Representative</b>	Peyton Washburn		
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Grace Ellis		
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	Howard L. Goss		
<b>Tax Collector</b>	Gilman Ellis		
<b>Road Agent</b>	Clifford Clark		
<b>Overseer of Poor</b>	Richard Clark		
<b>Supervisors of Check List</b>	Earl M. Pitcher		
	Roy H. Buss		
	Herbert Muzzy		
<b>Trustees of Trust Funds</b>	Gilman Ellis		1960
	Peyton Washburn		1961
	Edith Provost		1962
<b>Ballot Clerks</b>	Leon Trow		
	Nellie Ayer		
	Alice Bragg		
	Edith Spooner		
<b>Library</b>	W. R. Phipps		1960
<b>Trustees</b>	Peyton Washburn		1960
	Edith Chase		1961
	Alma Ring		1961
	Edith Provost		1962
	Charles LaFrank		1962
<b>Librarian</b>	Laura MacLane		
<b>Constables</b>	Erwin Ward, Joseph Tuttle		
<b>Fire Comm.</b>	Owen H. Libby		1960
	Ivan Head (Resigned)		1961
	Ashton Holmes		1961
	Heman Chase		1962
<b>School Board</b>	A. D. Fletcher		1960
	Margaret Renzleman		1961
	Herman Buss.		1962
<b>Park Comm.</b>	Willard Kelly		
<b>Dog Officer</b>	Erwin Ward		
<b>Planning Board</b>	Chester Rouillard, Chairman		1963
	George Bohay, Clerk		1962
	H. J. Talbot		1961
	Allison Gleason		1960
	W. R. Phipps, Ex Officio		
<b>Newell Pond Project Committee</b>	Marie Radcliff		
	Harry Neal		
	Howard Jacobson		

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

**Polls will be open 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.**

You are hereby notified to meet at Vilas High School in said Alstead on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance and for the support of the poor.
4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$11,000.00 for highways and bridges.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 to oil Town roads.
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sale.
7. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the care of cemeteries.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for Memorial Day.
10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Library.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$163.00 for the Elliott Community Hospital.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25.00 for the care and maintenance of the Town Clock.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for the Police Department for the protection of persons and property.



14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250.00 to rent and maintain land for a public dump.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132.00 to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven Towns of the Monadnock Region.

16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care of parks and playgrounds.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the support of band concerts.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,300.00 for fire protection and support of the fire company.

19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$375.00 for the expense of Social Security administration.

21. To see if the Town will vote to accept all Trust Funds of \$200.00 or more, each, received for the perpetual care of cemetery lots.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,265.00 for streetlights.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$758.31 for TRA construction, the State to contribute \$5,055.42.

24. To see if the Town will authorize a discount of 2% on real estate taxes paid prior to October 1.

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to defray expenses of operation of the Planning Board.

26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 83, laws of 1951 as amended by Chapter 31, laws of 1953 and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow on notes or bonds an amount of \$5,800.00 for the completion of the Craig Road between East Alstead corner and Herman Craig corner, such sum to be raised in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bonds Statute and amendments thereto and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the time and place of payment thereof, under such terms and conditions as they deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

27. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be put into a special fund for the purchase of a new fire truck when the need arises.

28. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

W. R. Phipps  
Frank C. Dustin  
Harry A. Spooner

SELECTMEN OF ALSTEAD



## ALSTEAD TAX RATE

Town Appropriation Less Town Revenue	\$ 8,721.57
Town Appropriation Schools	72,148.38
County Tax	<u>5,037.64</u>
Total to be raised by Property Taxes	\$85,907.59
Net Valuation \$22,650.29 x Rate \$3.76 equals \$85,907.59	

## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUATIONS

	1958	1959
Lands and Buildings	\$2,053,320.00	\$2,064,122.00
Electric Plants	91,000.00	93,000.00
Horses	1,350.00	2,500.00
Oxen	-	-
Cows	17,655.00	19,675.00
Other Meat Stock	1,920.00	1,400.00
Sheep and Goats	185.00	195.00
Hogs	-	-
Fowls	400.00	415.00
Vehicles	-	-
Wood and Lumber	-	6,825.00
Gas Pumps	1,600.00	1,300.00
Stock in Trade	70,202.00	54,047.00
Mills and Machinery	51,000.00	38,150.00
Portable Mills	-	-
Road Building Machinery	9,400.00	32,200.00
House Trailers	4,900.00	11,300.00
Boats	200.00	-
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TOTALS	\$2,303,132.00	\$2,325,129.00
Veterans Exemptions	62,150.00	60,100.00
NET	<hr/> \$2,240,982.00	<hr/> \$2,265,029.00

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## RECEIPTS

Est. 1959

Actual 1959

Est. 1959

### FROM STATE

#### SOURCES OF REVENUE

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 2,368.79	\$ 2,368.79	\$ 2,300.00
Savings Bank Tax	484.00	443.77	400.00

### FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES

Dog Licenses	344.00	327.27	325.00
Bus. Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	10.00	12.00	10.00
Rent Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	438.00	528.65	450.00
Int. Rec'd. on Taxes & Deposits	700.00	939.33	800.00
Income from Trust Funds	13,000.00	15,581.64	18,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,000.00	4,116.48	3,500.00
Head Tax Comm.		191.00	100.00
Lot Cemetery		45.00	

### AMT. RAISED BY ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES

Added Taxes	381.08
Taxes in excess of budget requirement	41.36

### FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN

#### PROPERTY TAXES

Poll Taxes - Regular at \$2	500.00	740.00	700.00
Nat'l Bank Stock Taxes	2.50	2.50	2.50
Yield Taxes	2,124.00	3,219.49	2,000.00

### TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL

#### SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES

TAXES	\$22,981.29	\$28,938.36	\$26,687.50
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Amt. to be raised by Property Taxes

78,799.81  
\$105,487.31

Purposes of EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1959	Actual Expense '59	Estimated 1959
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries )			
Town Officers' Expenses )	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,080.45	\$ 5,500.00
Election and Registration Exp. )			
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	250.00	366.80	500.00
Fire Department	2,000.00	2,158.08	2,000.00
Planning and Zoning	25.00	-	25.00
Civil Defense	25.00	-	25.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	250.00	242.51	250.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>	14,000.00	14,004.93	15,000.00
Street Lighting	1,265.00	1,261.58	1,265.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	1,000.00	884.00	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	2,984.69	3,000.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day & Vets. Associations	50.00	50.00	50.00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks and Playground, Incl. Concerts	325.00	420.00	325.00
<b>Cemeteries</b>	400.00	467.34	500.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Adv. and Regional Assn.	132.00	132.00	132.00
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Secy.	350.00	350.00	375.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
TRA			758.31
<b>Payment on Principal of Debt:</b>			
Long Term Notes	1,625.00	3,260.00	
<b>County Taxes</b>	5,037.64	5,037.64	5,040.00
<b>School Taxes</b>	72,148.38	72,148.38	69,742.00
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	\$106,783.02	\$108,848.40	\$105,487.31

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

You will note that we have dedicated this Town Report to Mr. Vilas. We felt that many do not realize the many things he has done for all of us. Even in this year the town received additional benefits from him. In his will be set up two trust funds for Mrs. Vilas. She was to enjoy the income from them as long as she lived and after she passed away the income from these funds was to come to the town and is to be used to reduce taxes.

We are happy to say that we ended the year with no outstanding notes except the TRA on Gilsum road. This small balance will be paid off in 1960. All bills received have been paid and in fact we finished paying for the new truck and snow-plow this year and thus saved interest and ended the year with a surplus.

TRA - This year we feel that some TRA funds should be applied against building the road from East Alstead Four Corners to Herman Craig's corner. This will help the Newell Pond Project and improve the road to the E Alstead Church.

VILAS FREE BED. The income from the Vilas Fund so designated is used to furnish room and board at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, N. H. for Alstead residents in need. During the year 1959 eight residents benefited from this fund in amount of \$900.00.

CEMETERIES. Additional work was carried out in the various cemeteries thruout the town which has resulted in considerable improvements in appearance.

In the year 1959 there were but 55 towns and cities in the state that had a decrease and the majority of them had a much higher rate than Alstead. We had a six cent increase in our rate. If we show judgment in grants and appropriations in both the general and school district meetings we should show a decrease in our tax rate. It should be remembered that your tax rate is made at these meetings.

To the Selectmen:

Each year there is a demand for a statement on forest fires for publication in the annual town report. It is believed they serve a good purpose locally in preventing fires. May we respectfully request publication of the following in your town report.

Sincerely,

CORNELIUS WOOD, Dist. Fire Chief

## PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

The year 1959 was fortunate from a forest fire standpoint. New Hampshire had the best record in the nation. Fewer acres were burned, suppression costs were substantially reduced and damage to woodlands held to a minimum. The record resulted from a combination of favorable weather conditions, an alert warden service and a cooperating public.

Yet, despite all this, there still persists a disturbing note.

58%, or 6 out of every 10 fires in 1959 were caused by careless smokers and debris burners.

10%, or 1 out of every 9 fires was caused by children.

Careless, indifferent, thoughtless and independent minded individuals and failure of parents to properly supervise children and keep matches out of their reach, annually cause these unnecessary fires which cost large sums to extinguish and cause extensive damage. The elimination of these three causes of fires would radically change this picture. The rules are simple -

1. Before burning, secure a permit from your local forest fire warden - the law requires it.

2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning.

3. Make certain your fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it.

4. Don't throw lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes from moving vehicles - use your ash tray.

5. Don't burn at home - Use your town dump and save yourself much possible difficulty, both personal and financial.

No. local fires	0
No. acres burned	0
No. permits issued	72

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oil	\$ 176.81
Utilities	205.13
Repairs Truck Equip.	156.03
New Equipment	609.33
Supplies	87.45
Gas - Oil	54.53
Misc.	145.87
Salaries	618.77
Ins.	489.16

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Total Expenses	\$2,543.08
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Appropriation	2,000.00
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Credits	385.00
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(Overdraft \$158.08)

The Fire Department was called out to twenty-three fires in 1959 including everything from chimney fires to major house fires. Robert Batchelder was appointed as Fire Chief, replacing George Henery, who moved to Keene. The members feel that this was a much deserved appointment as Mr. Batchelder has been one of the more active firemen for a number of years.

A 1000 watt portable generator has been added to our equipment paid for by the firemen out of money that was earned by two raffles which we conducted.

We have at this time twenty-one members on the Department, which brings us up to about the largest number of men we have had for some time. This is due in some respect to the fact that Howard Jacobson has formed a small company to supplement the Fire Dept. in the East Alstead area.

Howard L. Goss, Clerk

ALSTEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

This has been a busy year for the Police Department. Eleven automobile accidents were reported and investigated. Several of these were serious ones with death resulting in one.

Ten breaks were reported with robbery the motive for seven of them. Three homes were broken into but apparently nothing was taken. Five youths involved in these breaks were apprehended and taken to court.

Numerous warnings were given motorists for defective equipment and driving with excessive speed through town.

Six domestic quarrels were settled with an understanding reached by both parties.

Listed are a variety of other instances when police assistance was called upon this year.

A wallet was stolen from a vehicle while parked in front of a house in the center of town.

A government check was taken from a rural mail box on Halloween night. Reported this to postal authorities.

Two individuals were stoned while taking an evening walk.

A number of intoxicated individuals causing some kind of disturbance were given stern warnings or were taken home.

Acted as a peace officer to collect money for delinquent bills.

With State Trooper, investigated drowning at Lake Warren.

Four missing teen-agers were found and returned to their homes.

Talked with parents of boys who broke glass in green house at the high school and asked that they pay for the damage.

A number of hours were spent directing traffic on Memorial Day, the 4th of July celebration and at Band Concerts.

A complete Police Record which is being kept for future reference will list other incidents not detailed in this report.

Because of the increased happenings in this town during the year, an unavoidable overdraft was realized in the police department. A total of 284 hours at \$1.00 an hour was spent. Phone calls made to State Trooper, Sheriff's office, Keene Police Station etc. amounted to \$7.50. Mileage amounted to 442 miles at 6¢ a mile.

Erwin Ward, CHIEF OF POLICE

Vernard Tuttle, CONSTABLE



## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

As your librarian, I hereby submit my fourteenth annual report.

Because of the money given to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library by the Shieling Trust Fund, the people of Alstead have had use of many fine books the past year. Your librarian met with the librarians and trustees of Acworth, Charlestown, Walpole, Langdon, in January, March, May, September, November, to select books to be purchased by the New Hampshire State Library with the \$1,000 grant. These books have been passed to each library where they have circulated for two months and eventually will be divided among the five libraries.

During National Book Week in April, the Seventh and Eighth Grades were invited to visit the library and the librarian encouraged the pupils to read different types of books. She read selections from biography, travel, poetry.

In November, Book Week Posters were given to all the grades and the first six grades came with their teachers to see and hear about the new books.

The New Hampshire State Bookmobile began its service to this library in March and it has stopped here in May, September, and November. The librarian has chosen books to supplement the ones we have.

The librarian regrets that the circulation of books and magazines has decreased the last year. Perhaps the TV Cable has been the Cause.

The Trustees had a new oil burner installed in October and it seems to heat the building more efficiently than the coal furnace.

Number of books added by purchase	172
Number of books added by gift	8
Number of magazines	25
Daily papers	1
Weekly papers	1
Reference Questions	203

### Record of Circulation of Books and Magazines

Fiction	4,924
Non-Fiction	1,291
Juvenile	2,593
Magazines	1,257
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	10,065

Laura N. MacLane, LIBRARIAN

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Rec'd. from the Shedd Porter Fund	\$2,033.21
Rec'd. from the Warren Fund	161.38
Rec'd. from Carpenter Fund	16.37
Rec'd. from Kimball Fund	83.75
Rec'd. Gift from Mrs. Stanley Keith	2,000.00
Rec'd. rent from Selectmen	180.00
Rec'd. from Water Rents	336.00
Withdrawn from Savings Bank of Walpole	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	2.70
Total Receipts	<u>\$7,813.41</u>
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1958	<u>392.62</u>
	\$8,206.03
Disbursements	<u>6,366.84</u>
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1959	<u>\$1,839.19</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Librarian	\$1,200.00
Assistant Librarian	28.91
Janitor	600.00
Treasurer	35.00
Books & Magazines	472.03
Work on Water System & Materials	1,194.23
Telephone	97.96
Electricity	118.98
Fuel	123.00
Liability Insurance	23.75
Installing Heating System	1,880.00
Chase Tree Service (Trees)	70.00
Repairs	362.38
Supplies	36.60
Unclassified	124.00
	<u>\$6,366.84</u>

## Other Assets:

Uncollected Water Rent	\$ 12.00
Savings Bank Walpole	1,560.24
Sugar River Savings Bank	1,750.59

Edith F. Provost, TREASURER

I hereby certify that I have examined the records and accounts of the Treasurer of the Shedd Porter Library Funds and find them correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Marie A. Radcliffe, AUDITOR

## REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Tarring was carried out on the following roads: Library Avenue, Valley Road, Mine Road and stretches from village to the Center Road.

Culverts were installed on Pratt's road, Campbrook road, Allen Mine road, Mousley road, Copper Hill road and Corbin road.

The bridge on Comstock's road was replanked; also Riley's road. A new bridge was built on the Bain road.

Gravel was applied on Campbrook road, Riley road, Pratt's road, Putnam road, Corbin's road, Heman Chase road, Fletcher road, and Carman road.

The heavy rains this summer and fall did a lot of damage to the gravel road and had to be repaired.

Roadsides were mowed on all the roads and a lot of brush was cut.

I wish to thank everyone who in any way assisted me during the past year.

CLIFFORD E. CLARK

### ROAD AGENT'S EXPENSES

Clifford E. Clark - Labor	\$2,622.74
Richard G. Clark - Labor	2,261.94
Reginald Clark - Labor	358.76
Lee Soucie - Labor	80.00
Clarence Able - Labor	7.25
Lee Mousley - Labor	18.13
Everett Bragg - Labor	20.00
Donald Woods - Labor	3.13
Norman Fassett - Labor	15.00
William Rhodes - Labor	20.00
Kmiec Garage - Gas and Repairs	1,087.44
Albert Fletcher - Labor on Piston for loader & Oil	50.50
Northeastern Culvert Co. - Culverts	233.44
John Burrough - Labor and Truck	382.65
James Dunlap - Labor and Truck	176.95
Fred Porter - Labor and Truck	31.50
Harvey Pratt - Labor and Truck	55.00
Robert Dunlap - Plowing snow	211.75
Fred Dodge - Mowing roadsides	243.25
Albert Porter - Use of back hoe & hauling sand	216.75
C. E. & R. G. Clark - Use of crawler	12.00
Cray's Oil Co. - Diesel Oil	41.25
Limoges Oil Co. - Oil	54.09
C. J. LaFrank - Planks for bridges	101.60
Scott Mchy. Inc. - Freight charge	2.35
Marx Hardware - Nails	.90

R. N. Johnson - Chloride	397.00
International Salt Co. - Salt	306.00
Morton Salt Co. - Salt	134.40
John A. Carman Inc. - Tire for GMC Truck	70.41
Cold River Sand & Gravel Co. - Cold Patch	243.04
Cold River Sand & Gravel Co. -Winter sand	115.07
George Comstock - Gravel	169.20
Wyman's Sale & Ser. - Tire for GMC Truck	57.56
Walpole Highway Dept. - Truck, Tractor, Hone, Sanders, Men	\$1,032.75
Koppers Co. Inc. - Tar	2,061.75
Marie Radcliff - Ins. on equipment	495.99

#### **Received for Rent of Truck, Grader, Loader and Material:**

Margaret Renzelman - Rent of Truck	\$ 4.00
W. G. Barr - Salt	2.24
Ray Phipps - Salt	1.12
Norman Fassett - Rent of Truck & Loader	8.00
Arthur Randall - Rent of Truck & Loader	4.00
Maurice Pitcher - Rent of Truck & Loader - Chloride	9.96
Clarence Simond - Rent of Truck & Loader	10.00
Richard Westcott - Rent Truck, Loader; also Chloride	5.96
J. F. MacDonald - Rent of Truck & Loader	5.00
Vilas Pool Account - Rent of Truck & Loader	21.00
C. J. LaFrank - Rent of Truck, Loader, Grader; also Chloride	97.82
Doris Gould - Rent of Truck & Loader	8.00
Lee Soucie - Chloride	3.92
Shedd Porter Memorial Library - Rent of Trucks & Loader on Water System	65.50
Hollis Corbin - Rent of Truck & Loader	5.00
Hellen A. Bennett - Chloride	3.92
Robert Putnam - Rent of Truck & Loader	10.00
Earl Rhodes - Rent of Truck & Loader	15.00
Mrs. John Van Bibber - Rent of Truck & Loader	25.00
Charles Winham - Rent of Truck & Loader	12.00
Arthur Knight - Rent of Truck & Loader	16.00
Roy Buss - Rent of Truck & Loader	4.00
George Howard - Rent of Truck & Loader	8.00
Trustees of Trust Funds - Rent of Truck & Loader	52.50
George Bowhay - Salt	5.00
Geraldine Foss - Rent of Truck & Loader	8.00
Helen M. Keef - Rent of Truck & Loader	5.00
Shedd Porter Memorial Library - Rent of Truck & Loader	63.61
Forrest H. Pratt - Rent of Truck & Loader	4.00
School Dist. - Hauling Rubbish to Dump	3.00
Stanley Kmiec - Rent of Truck & Loader	8.00
W. G. Barr - Rent of Grader & Loader	31.00
Harry Spooner - Rent of Truck	3.00
State of New Hampshire - Gas Tax	154.52

## REPORT OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD

A permanent Town Planning Board was appointed by the selectmen as directed by the Voters under article 28 of the town warrant for the year 1959; and in accordance with Chapter 36, Sections 1-15, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955.

Under the provisions of the statute referred to above, it is the function and duty of the planning board to develop, to guide and accomplish a development of the town which will best promote health, safety, order, prosperity, or the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development; including among other things, the promotion of safety from fire and other dangers, wise and efficient expenditures of public funds and the adequate provision of public requirements. The execution of the recommendations of the planning board will be only by the properly constituted authorities and, when necessary, by prior approval of the voters.

The board held its first meeting and organized on May 18. It has held monthly meetings since that date. The funds made available to the board were not used, the small expenditures involved being taken care of by the members. However, it is believed that a small amount should be made available.

The following definite actions have been taken:

- A. A recommendation was submitted to the selectmen to have a count kept of the number of local and out of town people who use Vilas Pool next year. (It is believed that this information will be helpful in determining some way of keeping the pool open for the entire season.)
- B. A recommendation was submitted to the selectmen that the south-east end of Library Avenue be made a one-way street with all traffic to move in a westerly direction.

Your planning board believes that the establishment of some form of building or zoning regulations is of paramount importance. Such regulations would prevent the construction of additional undesirable buildings and improve the appearance of our town, with resultant increases in the value of property. They would also decrease fire hazards. Considerable work has been done on this project including the securing of information from the New Hampshire State Planning and Development Commission, and copies of regulations in effect in nearby towns. Also conferences have been held with members of planning boards and zoning officials of other towns. Definite recommendations are not yet completed and ready for submission to the voters. Work will be continued.

It is believed that the next most important action is to, in some way, promote the improvement of buildings now in existence, the dismantling of buildings which are of no further use and the cleaning up of unsightly areas. Building and zoning regulations normally have little effect in accomplishing this objective.

Other projects under consideration and study include:

- A. Ways and means to attract additional industry into the town.
- B. The establishment of village improvement associations.
- C. The establishment of a town forest on land presently owned by the town.
- D. Completion of the bandstand on Millot Green.

The following recommendation is submitted to the voters for their consideration at the town meeting:

That all requests for appropriation of funds for charitable purposes be disapproved. (Your planning board believes that even though such charities are deserving, donations should be made by individual citizens. It is noted that some twenty to thirty charities solicit funds within this town and that if the town appropriates funds to one, it could well be expected to do the same for others.

Your planning board welcomes any and all suggestions which may be received. They will be given careful consideration. Forms are available to report industrial buildings or land to the New Hampshire State Planning and Development Commission for their assistance in development of industry in our town.

## **REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR**

We rendered aid to two families. One family was given surplus food. One boy had regular care in a foster home throughout the year and an elderly man has been boarded at the county farm. The greater portion of this man's board is cared for by social security.

The total cost of this department was \$884.45.

Richard G. Clark

## **REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER**

Fourteen dog complaints were received by this department. Among these were complaints of stray dogs which were returned to their owners, dogs that were running loose in town and bothering neighbors and one dog was laid away. Delinquent dog taxes were collected.



## NEWELL POND DEVELOPMENT

The Committee appointed for the development of the Newell Pond area is pleased to submit the following progress report.

It was necessary that the boundary lines be established and the amount of acreage around the Pond ascertained before any work on development could be started. After surveying the lines it was found that the Town owns 100 acres, more or less, in this area.

A road, beginning at the East Alstead-Marlow Town Road, has been built approximately one-half of the way around the Pond; three culverts have been put in on the South side of the Pond and a bridge built over the outlet of the Pond. Graveling of this road will be completed within a few days. Lots, on the South side of the Pond will be surveyed and made available for purchase in the Spring. A Public Beach will also be located on this side of the Pond and access to the Beach will be provided.

At the March 1959 Town Meeting \$3,500.00 was appropriated for the development of the area. Of this amount \$1,241.97 has been spent to date. This figure does not include the cost of graveling the road. It is expected that this cost will approximate \$1,000.00. The road will be extended around the Pond and more lots made available as the development progresses.

The Committee feels that this Project should not be rushed. There are many angles to consider in such an undertaking and many restrictions to be incorporated in the sale of the lots. The basic purpose of this development is to secure additional taxable property and to establish a recreational area which the residents of the Town of Alstead may be proud.

Marie A. Radcliffe  
Harry A. Neal  
Howard A. Jacobson

## VILAS POOL REPORT

The pool was closed early this year and the money thus saved was used to make some of the more needed repairs. We received income from the trust fund in May and December with the result that the portion obtained in December is the greater portion of unexpended balance.

Repairs were made to the roof of the boathouse, piers were placed under the West end of this building. Some dead trees were taken out near this building. The chimney on the main building was pointed and a metal cap was put on to keep out the weather while not in use. Supports were replaced under the locker-room portion of this building.



During the season considerable painting was accomplished in bath-houses, a new diving-board and platform was installed, new lumber has been purchased for the bridge. A new boat was added, the others repaired and painted. A pontoon for swan-boat rebuilt. The wharf was repaired, washed sand and gravel were brought in for the children's bathing beach, Many metal chairs were repaired and put back into service. The remainder of these chairs should be repaired, painted and made available. Many of these were carried out by the supt. and his life guards during their spare time. New guard-rails were constructed and painted. A new out-board motor was purchased.

The logs that are used for seats are about useless and should be replaced with other logs or benches; a new roof should be put on the boat-house as it is fast getting where patching will no longer suffice.

The pool itself will have to be drained and cleaned as it is fast filling with silt and decayed vegetation. It is hoped to do this the coming spring so that it will be ready for the 1960 season. Work is needed on bell tower.

When the trust fund was established for the operation of the pool wages were from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per week and as we all know they are many times more than that at the present time. The result is that many repairs needed have not been carried out. The solution seems to be that some way or means will have to be devised to get additional revenue so that the proper repairs can be made and the place operated as intended by Mr. Vilas.

Receipts Bal. on hand 1958	\$2,970.31	Expenses:	
May Trust	1,773.04	Labor & Management	\$2,434.20
Dec. Trust	2,073.27	Gas, lights & phone	168.24
Telephone	2.85	Insurance	158.68
		Boat	80.00
		Outboard Motor	200.00
		Police (Traffic)	62.00
		Trucking	8.00
		Lumber, paint hdw.	308.16
		Plumbing	32.00
		Piers & Roof Repairs	282.08
		Swan Boat Repairs	62.88
		Supplies & Misc.	48.90
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			\$3,845.14
		Bal. on hand Dec. '59	2,974.83
		Total	<hr/>
			\$6,819.97

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING**  
**STATE TAX COMMISSION**  
Concord, New Hampshire

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

January 7, 1960

Board of Selectmen  
Alstead, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Alstead for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1959, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

**SCOPE OF AUDIT**

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds and Vilas Pool.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Comparative Balance Sheets - Dec. 31, 1958 - Dec. 31, 1959; Exhibit A-1**

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1958 and Surplus increased by \$7,037.72 during the year of 1959.

**Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: Exhibit A-2**

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Increase in Surplus		
Long Term Notes Paid	\$9,113.57	
Net Budget Surplus	<u>2,984.09</u>	\$12,097.66
Decrease in Surplus		
Decrease in Accounts Receivable		5,059.94
	Net Increase	\$ 7,037.72

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)**

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1959, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary Exhibit A-4, a revenue surplus of \$5,717.07, less a net overdraft of appropriations of \$2,732.98, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$2,984.09.

## Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: Exhibit B-1

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1959, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1959, is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

## AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

### Current Surplus:

The current surplus (excess of current assets over current liabilities) increased from \$8,555.01 to \$11,569.22 during 1959, as shown by the following statement:

	Dec. 31, 1958	Dec. 31, 1959
Total Assets	\$65,198.94	\$60,784.12
Less:		
Amt. due from State a-c		
State Share of T.R.A. -		
Apportionment B - Notes	7,416.49	2,326.43
Current Assets	\$57,782.45	\$58,457.69
Current Liabilities	49,227.44	46,888.47
Current Surplus	\$ 8,555.01	\$11,569.22

### Depository for Town Funds:

Attention is called to Chapter 197, Section 3, of the Laws of 1959, which amends RSA 41:29, and provides in part as follows:

"197:3 Town Funds. Amend RSA 41:29 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following: 41:29 Duties. The town treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the town, and shall pay out the same only upon orders of the selectmen. He shall deposit the same in solvent banks in the state, except that funds may be deposited in banks outside the state if such banks pledge and deliver to the state treasurer as collateral security for such deposits United States government obligations in value at least equal to the amount of deposit in each case. The amount of collected funds on deposit in any one bank shall not at any time exceed the sum of its paid-up Capital and surplus. xxx"

**Conclusion:**

The accounts and records of all town officials which we examined were found in good condition and the accounting procedure conformed to prescribed methods.

The provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, require that the summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) of this report shall be published in the next annual report of the Town.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Alstead for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

Harold G. Fowler, Director  
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Norval D. Lessels, Auditor  
Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord, New Hampshire**

January 7, 1960

**CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Alstead for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1959, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion, the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town as of December 31, 1959, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Fowler, Director  
DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Norval D. Lessels, Auditor  
Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

**EXHIBIT A-1**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS**  
**As of December 31, 1958 and December 31, 1959**

Assets	December 31, 1958	December 31,, 1959	December 31, 1958	December 31, 1959
Cash:				
General Fund	\$18,394.40	\$11,091.78		
Social Secy. Acct.	97.21	124.69		
Capital Reserve Fund -	\$18,491.61	\$11,216.47	\$30,008.30	\$32,648.38
Town Hall	11,956.25	12,347.95		
Accounts Receivable:				
State's Share of T.R.A.			162.00	
Apportionment B Notes	7,416.49	2,326.43	97.21	124.69
Insurance Recovery		30.12	11,956.25	12,347.95
		2,356.55		
Unredeemed Taxes:				
Levy of 1958		\$ 1,692.12	\$ 755.00	\$ 685.00
Levy of 1957	\$ 1,647.93	925.12	175.00	119.00
Levy of 1956	239.24	7.73	331.47	414.16
	1,887.17	2,624.97	742.21	549.28
Uncollected Taxes:			2,003.68	1,767.45
Levy of 1959		\$30,076.60		
Levy of 1958	\$22,810.50	967.70		5,000.00
Levy of 1957	1,613.40	498.88		
Levies of Prior Years	254.52	-		\$3,372.68
	24,678.42	31,543.18		-
Uncollected State Head Taxes:			12,486.25	3,372.68
Levy of Current Year	755.00	\$ 685.00	\$61,713.69	\$50,261.15
Levies of Prior Years	14.00	10.00	3,485.25	10,522.97
	769.00	695.00	\$65,198.94	\$60,784.12
Total Assets	\$65,198.94	\$60,784.12		
			Total Liabilities	
			Surplus	

**EXHIBIT A-3**  
**IN OF ALSTEAD**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES - FISCAL YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1959

Forwarded From 1958	Appropriations 1959	Reimburse. Available 1959	Expenditures 1959	Unexpended Overdrafts 1960
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\*1959 Town Meeting authorized \$3,500.00 in Long Term Notes for the Newell Pond Project, which amount not issued as of 12/31/77



**EXHIBIT A-4**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues**  
**and Budget Summary**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1959**

	Revenues			Excess	Deficit
	Estimated	Actual			
Interest on Taxes	\$ 700.00	\$ 939.33	\$ 239.33	\$	
Interest and Dividends Tax	2,368.79	2,368.79			
Savings Bank Tax	484.00	443.77			40.23
Yield Tax Revenue	2,134.00	3,219.49	1,085.49		
Dog Licenses	344.00	327.27			16.73
Business Licenses & Permits	10.00	12.00	2.00		
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	438.00	528.65	90.65		
Income From Trust Funds	13,000.00	15,581.64	2,581.64		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,000.00	4,116.48	1,116.48		
Sale of Town Property		45.00	45.00		
Head Tax Commissions		191.00	191.00		
Added Taxes		381.08	381.08		
Taxes Committed in Excess of Budgetary Requirements		41.36	41.36		
	<b>\$22,478.79</b>	<b>\$28,195.86</b>	<b>\$5,774.03</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>56.96</b>
<b>Budget Summary</b>					
Actual Revenues		\$28,195.86			
Estimated Revenues		<u>22,478.79</u>			
Net Revenue Surplus			\$5,717.07		
Overdrafts of Appropriations		\$ 3,278.99			
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations		<u>546.01</u>			
Net Overdraft of Appropriations			<u>2,732.98</u>		
Net Budget Surplus					\$2,984.09



**EXHIBIT B-2**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1959**

Balance - December 31, 1958	\$ 18,394.40	
Receipts During Year	<u>128,746.83</u>	
		\$147,141.23
Expenditures During Year		<u>136,049.45</u>
Balance - December 31, 1959		\$11,091.78

**Proof of Balance**

Balance in Bellows Falls Trust Company, Bellows Falls, Vermont - Per Statement of December 30, 1959		7,643.88
Add:		
Deposit of January 4, 1960	\$ 2,783.78	
Cash on hand	<u>2,284.09</u>	
		<u>5,067.87</u>
		\$ 12,711.75
Less: Outstanding Checks		<u>1,619.97</u>
Reconciled Balance - Dec. 31, 1959		11,091.78

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Debits	1959	1958	Levies of 1957	1956	1955
<b>Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1958:</b>					
Property Taxes	\$	\$22,045.50	\$ 389.13	\$	\$
Poll Taxes		230.00	4.00		
Yield Taxes		535.00	1,220.27	233.52	21.00

## Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	85,206.45
Poll Taxes	740.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.50
Yield Taxes	3,863.39

## Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	359.08	
Poll Taxes	16.00	6.00

Interest Collected	1.44	765.62	58.21		14.79
	\$90,188.86	\$23,582.12	\$1,671.61	\$ 233.52	\$35.79

## Credits

### Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$57,166.34	\$20,965.10	\$	\$	\$
Poll Taxes	510.00	210.00	2.00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	2.50				
Yield Taxes	1,520.31	535.00	1,078.39	162.00	21.00
Interest	1.44	765.62	58.21		14.79

### Abatements:

Property Taxes	376.00	114.70	32.13		
Poll Taxes	36.00	24.00	2.00		
Yield Taxes				71.52	

### Discounts Allowed -

Property Taxes	499.67
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### Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1959

Property Taxes	27,523.52	965.70	357.00		
Poll Taxes	210.00	2.00			
Yield Taxes	2,343.08		141.88		

\$90,188.86	\$23,582.12	\$1,671.61	\$ 233.52	\$35.79
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**EXHIBIT F-1**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**Statement of Trust Fund Income and Expenditure Account**  
**and Proof of Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1959**

Balance - Dec. 31, 1958		\$4,511.67	
Receipts During Year:			
Savings Bank Interest	\$1,640.29		
Int. on U.S. Gvt. Bonds	150.00		
Dividends:			
Mass. Investors Trust	422.40		
Pub. Ser. Co. of N.H.	97.50		
First Nat. City Bank of N.Y.	360.00		
Capital Gains Dividend	18.72		
Net Funds	<u>300.00</u>		
		2,988.91	
		<u>\$7,500.58</u>	
Expenditures During Year:			
Cemeteries:			
Labor	\$1,688.27		
Hired Equipment	800.72		
Materials and Supplies	332.67		
Library	336.50		
Capital Reserve Fund -			
Added to Principal	<u>391.70</u>		
		\$3,549.86	
New Investments	<u>118.73</u>		
		<u>3,668.58</u>	
Balance - Dec. 31, 1959			\$3,832.00
<b>Proof of Balance</b>			
Balance in the Keene Nat. Bank - Per			
Statement December 1, 1959		\$3,611.95	
Add: Deposits of December, 1959		<u>461.41</u>	
		\$4,073.36	
Less: Outstanding Checks		<u>241.36</u>	
Reconciled Balance - Dec. 31, 1959			\$3,832.00

**EXHIBIT F-2**  
**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**  
**SUMMARY OF TRUST FUND PRINCIPAL, INCOME AND INVESTMENTS**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1959**

	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			Balance of Prin. & Int. Dec. 31, 1959
	Balance Dec. 31, 1958	Capital Gains	Added to Principal	Balance Dec. 31, 1959	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	
Warren Monument Fund	\$ 5,262.00	\$	\$	\$ 5,262.00	\$ 173.70	\$	\$ 5,435.70
Kimball Library Fund	2,465.19			2,465.19	83.75	83.75	2,465.19
Carpenter Library Fund	500.00			500.00	16.37	16.37	500.00
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650.00			5,650.00	171.88	236.38	( 64.50) 5,585.50
Capital Reserve Fund - Town Hall	11,956.25		391.70	12,347.95	391.70	391.70	12,347.95
Cemetery Trust Funds	43,040.26	18.72	300.00	43,358.98	4,511.67	1,974.00	2,821.66 3,664.01 47,022.99
Kingsbury School Fund	606.00			606.00	21.39	21.39	627.39
	\$69,479.70	\$18.72	\$691.70	\$70,190.12	\$4,511.67	\$2,832.79	\$3,549.86 \$3,794.60 \$73,984.72

**I N V E S T M E N T S**

Walpole Savings Bank	\$33,729.41	U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. G. - Matured	\$ 600.00
Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,645.98	U.S. Treasury Bonds	5,000.00
Cheshire County Savings Bank	10,869.05	Pub. Ser. Co. of N.H. - Bonds	3,000.00
Sugar River Savings Bank	1,657.00	Mass. Investors Trust (1056 Shares)	6,502.28
New Hampshire Savings Bank	606.00	First Nat. City Bank of NY (120 Shares)	6,543.00
		Keene Nat. Bank - Checking Acct.	3,832.00

TOTAL: \$73,984.72





# VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS

Date	Place	Baby's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
1959				
Jan. 6	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Kathleen Ellen	Kenneth Potter	Maxine Morse
Feb. 18	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Cynthia Jean	John Moulton	Ethel Hurd
Feb. 19	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Stewart James	Richard Westcott	Teresa Monty
Feb. 25	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Timothy Joseph	Wesley Crosby	Lenita Haskins
Feb. 26	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Glenn Richard	Richard Elssesser	Dolores Ferguson
Mar. 3	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Joan Priscilla	Bert Pratt	Priscilla McCue
Mar. 13	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Terisa Eileen	Donald Blair	Gloria Fairbanks
Apr. 13	Keene, N. H.	Jerry Jr.	Jerry Kercewich	Thursa Partridge
Apr. 22	Keene, N. H.	Suzanne Hope	Francis Stevens	Joanne Pitcher
May 9	Bellows Falls, Vt.	David Edward	David Costin	Claire Seavey
May 24	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Peter Joseph	Page Riley	Noreen Pearse
June 3	Lebanon, N. H.	Langdon Frank, II	Langdon Metcalf	Beverly Pecor
June 3	Keene, N. H.	Lori Dean	Bernard Molesky	Margery Lindgren
June 4	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Darlene Jane	Ralph Moore	Beverly Griffin
June 12	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Dorane Jane	Francis Lewis	Catherine Fisher
June 22	Bellows Falls, Vt.	James Brian	Robert Wilson	Ruth Collins
Aug. 3	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Victor Robert	Robert Burroughs	Doris Amlaw
Oct. 7	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Kenneth Scott	David Shores	Janet Dixon
Oct. 25	Keene, N. H.	Karen Lynn	Anthony Molesky	Ethel Tillson
Oct. 31	Keene, N. H.	Harlow Norman	Harley Maguire	Shirley Castor
Nov. 13	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Russell Leon	Harold Ramsey	Beatrice Harrington
Dec. 7	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Cynthia Ann	Kenneth Potter	Maxine Morse
Dec. 14	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Brett Morgan	John Burroughs	Audrey Bacon
Dec. 16	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Pamela Jean	Vernon Crosby	Edith Lambert
Dec. 22	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Mary Jane	George Wilson	Loretta Monty
Dec. 22	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Laurie Jean	George Wilson	Loretta Monty
Dec. 25	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Carlene Mary	Stanley Johnson	Dorothy Ridley
Dec. 30	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Allen Ernest	LeRoy Wade	Marlene Proulx



# VITAL STATISTICS MARRIAGES

Date	Place	Names	Residence
1959			
Jan. 1	Alstead, N. H.	Felix Averill Shirley Averill	West Springfield, Mass. West Springfield, Mass.
Jan. 24	Keene, N. H.	Anthony Molesky Ethel Tillson	Alstead, N. H. Gilsum, N. H.
Jan. 27	Acworth, N. H.	Albert Porter Viola Startz	Alstead, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
Mar. 7	Alstead, N. H.	Michael Gendron Ethel Clark	Marlow, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
Apr. 18	Alstead, N. H.	George Wilson Rena Willson	Alstead, N. H. Lunenburg, Vt.
Apr. 25	Lincoln, N. H.	Gerald Bacon Anne Burroughs	Alstead, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
May 2	Acworth, N. H.	Walter Wilson Helen Lanpher	Alstead, N. H. Lebanon, N. H.
May 23	Walpole, N. H.	Vincent McDermott Jacqueline Edmondson	North Walpole, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
Oct. 9	West Hartford, Vt.	Clifton Goodwin Doris Burnham	Hartford, Vt. Alstead, N. H.
Nov. 7	Alstead, N. H.	Roger Canfield Priscilla Westcott	Alstead, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
Nov. 21	Alstead, N. H.	Lawrence Porter Ann Canfield	Charlestown, N. H. Alstead, N. H.
Dec. 25	Claremont, N.H.	Frederick Porter, Jr. Kathryn Ormsby	Alstead, N. H. Claremont, N. H.
Dec. 31	Alstead, N. H.	Virgil McCue Joyce Buffum	Walpole, N. H. Alstead, N. H.

# VITAL STATISTICS DEATHS

Date of Death	Place	Name	Age in Years
1959			
Jan. 24	Winchester, N. H.	Charles J. Chamberlin	90
May 22	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Thomas P. Murray	76
June 10	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Joseph Quavillion	61
Aug. 15	East Alstead, N.H.	Charles A. Moulthrop	80
Aug. 27	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Ethel Craigie	73
Aug. 31	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Harriet Howard	66
Sept. 17	Langdon, N. H.	Grace Dickinson	82
Sept. 19	Alstead, N. H.	Walter Wood	19
Sept. 28	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Christine Sutherland	94
Dec. 14	Westmoreland, N.H.	George S. Burroughs	76
Dec. 29	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Chauncey Newell	95

## Brought to Town for Burial

Dec. 27			
1958	Newport, N. H.	Ethel Fairbanks	80
1959			
Jan. 10	Keene, N. H.	Florence Graves	74
June 18	Long Beach, Calif.	Robert Spurr	Not given
Sept. 13	Denver, Colorado	Mary Root	34
Oct. 15	Hatfield, Mass.	Myrtie L. Dodge	86
Dec. 8	Braintree, Mass.	Lena Brown	82

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## School District Officers

OF

## ALSTEAD, N. H.



Year Ending December 31, 1959



## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

### SCHOOL BOARD

Austin Fletcher, Chairman

Mrs. Margaret Renzelman

Hermon Buss

#### Moderator

Heman Chase

#### Clerk

Mrs. Dorothy Crocker

#### Treasurer

Mrs. Frances Metcalf

#### Superintendent

Elliott W. Keach

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district of the Town of Alstead qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Vilas School Auditorium in said district on the 8th day of March, 1960 at 2:00 in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent in the district.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officers and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
8. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to make application for and to accept and use in the name of the district, such advances, grants in aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States government or any department or agency thereof, or any state or private agency.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,051.00 for the purpose of paying the district's share of the salary and expense of a Helping Teacher to be employed by Supervisory Union No. 60.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

I herewith submit my annual report, January 15, 1959 - January 15, 1960, as your Superintendent of Schools:

The best minds in the Education field are recommending that high schools should have an enrollment that graduates 100 pupils a year and that high schools be comprehensive in the scope of their curriculum. Vilas High School meets the requirements for state minimum standards for a comprehensive high school. However, it falls far short of meeting the requirements of a modern comprehensive high school and it has graduated an average of 20 pupils a year for the last ten years.

The evidence is that the public feels that all youth are entitled to a high school education. This entitlement requires a comprehensive school that provides for college preparation and education that will meet the needs of those not going on to education beyond high school. The small high school can provide a comprehensive education, however, the per capita cost is considerably more than it is in the larger high schools.

What should Alstead do educationally? What is done is a matter for the voters to decide and their decision will decide what educational opportunity is available to the youth of Alstead.

Alstead can mark time, wait and see, or it can study the possible choices with the view of following the one that available evidence indicates is the best choice. Some of the choices are:

1. Year to year basis (this could result in a loss of tuition pupils).
2. Have only a college preparation curriculum (this means not complying with minimum standards of a comprehensive high school and pupils can request assignment to another high school which if granted requires payment of tuition by Alstead).
3. Send pupils to another high school on a tuition basis.
4. Become a member of a cooperative district.
5. Make Vilas High School a comprehensive school.

There have been several meetings held this past year to determine the extent of interest in forming a cooperative district. Board members from six districts have attended these meetings. The results have indicated some interest and a realization that more information is necessary before going further. The necessary information could be obtained by employing a firm of educational consultants and the cost would be money well spent as it would provide concrete evidence that could be used by voters to determine the direction that should be followed for the future education of Alstead youth.

The following charts may be of some assistance to citizens as they consider the problem of what is best.

# HIGH SCHOOL TUITION PUPILS 1953-1960

	53-54	54-55	55-56	56-57	57-58	58-59	59-60	Est. 60-61	Average
Acworth	14	11	13	16	18	15	11	14	14
Marlow	11	14	17	21	16	10	8	13	14
Langdon	20	22	19	21	24	23	15	18	20
Lempster	9	7	6	3	-	1	1	1	-
Other	10	6	3	2	3	4	1	1	4
Total	64	60	68	63	61	53	36	47	52
Total enrollment Vilas High School	106	107	104	117	110	102	83	109	103

## PERCENT OF ENROLLMENT

Tuition pupils	60.4	56.1	55.8	58.1	55.5	51.9	56.6	56.9	56.4
Alstead pupils	39.6	43.9	44.2	41.9	44.5	48.1	43.4	43.1	43.6

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION RATES AND TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL RECEIPTS

Tuition Rate	215.	260.	275.	300.	325.	360.	380.	Est. 399.	
High School Receipts	11,675.	16,289.	15,002.	15,739.	17,421.	17,310.	13,968.	17,556.	

## COST PER HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL IN AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP

Average Daily Membership	102.1	99.1	96.7	104.4	99.9	94.2	Est. 80.	Est. 103	
Cost per Average Daily Membership	275.	341.	359.	384.	418.	471.	Est. 520.	Est. 505.	

FORECAST OF ENROLLMENT - HIGH SCHOOL TUITION PUPILS

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Acworth	21	25	34	39	38	45	48	45	48
Marlow	22	27	29	28	28	29	29	28	30
Langdon	26	26	31	29	25	23	26	25	26
Total tuition	69	78	94	96	91	97	103	98	104
Alstead	64	69	70	56	58	57	66	70	81
Total enrollment	133	147	164	152	149	154	169	168	185

The charts show a steady decline in the number of tuition pupils from 1953 to 1959. From 1959 to 1969 there is a steady increase in tuition pupils (assuming that all attend Vilas High School).

The charts also show an anticipated high school enrollment of 185 in 1969. Assuming normal drop out there will probably be an enrollment of 170. This is more than the high school can accommodate for more than a limited type of curriculum. (Some pupils would find that full classes would mean they would have to take other subjects). In addition to an overcrowded high school the elementary school would need either one or two more classrooms because of the number of pupils in Grades 7 and 8, 15 tuition in Grade 7 and 22 in Grade 8. This is assuming that Acworth and Langdon continue to send 7th and 8th grade pupils as tuition pupils.

The charts also show that tuition income has remained about the same except for 1959-60 even though there has been an increase of \$173. in the tuition rate since 1953.

One of the charts shows that tuition pupil enrollment averages 13% more than Alstead pupil enrollment.

The final chart shows the increase in cost per pupil which is due in a major part to reduced enrollment and partly to increased costs.

The Written Language Arts Syllabus has been completed and is in the hands of teachers as a guide for this part of the educational program.

The Alstead elementary teachers attended a meeting of supervisory union teachers on January 6th to study utilization of test results with two test consultants from the California Test Bureau.

An application has been filed with the State Department of Education requesting that Vilas High School become an area vocational school for agriculture.

Arrangements have been made to repair the curbing in front of the Vilas High School, to widen the driveway, repair and add to the sidewalk. The major repair job is the renovation of the heating plant which has been recently completed and should materially improve the effectiveness of the heating system plus a saving on the heating bill.

Mr. Thomas Sawyer replaced Mr. Paul Davidson. Mr. Sawyer received his degree from Keene Teachers College and did his practice teaching in Walpole. Mr. Charles Chamley replaced Mr. George Hamilton. Mr. Chamley is teaching physical education, biology, and coaches soccer, basketball and baseball. Mr. Chamley received his degree from the University of South Dakota. Mr. Bradford Haines replaced Mr. Ivan Head. Mr. Haines is teaching Vocational Agriculture, Chemistry and Manual Training. He received his degree from the University of Vermont. Mrs. Harriette Wyman replaced Miss Phyllis Underwood. Mrs. Wyman received her degree from Keene Teachers College. Mrs. Lora L. Adams replaced Miss Betsy Wiggins as Home Economics teacher. Mrs. Adams received her degree from Louisiana College and formerly taught in Charlestown. Mrs. Arena Damon replaced Mrs. Ellen Pearce as school nurse on January 4th, 1960. Mrs. Damon was school nurse in Bellows Falls several years ago.

Except for one teacher and the principal there has been a complete change of the high school faculty in two years. It is practically impossible for the administration to have continuity of improvement under these circumstances even though replacements are the equivalent or better than previous faculty members.

The faculty changes made it necessary to postpone the evaluation program that was to be done this year. As explained in last year's report it is necessary to have periodic evaluations in order to continue to be accredited by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. If faculty changes are kept at a minimum we may be able to do the evaluation during 1960-61.

The combination of grades one and two next year is not advisable because the combination would result in a total of more than forty pupils. This makes it necessary to employ an additional elementary teacher. At this time it seems possible to rearrange class assignments for grades 7-12 in such a manner as to be able to reduce the high school faculty by one.

At the March, 1959 District Meeting the amount to be raised by taxation was estimated at \$69,600. The actual amount to be raised is \$72,148.38. The increase is due to the reduction in anticipated revenue as reported to the tax commission on the June Notification or School Assessment form.

Explanation:

Estimated Income Budget Figures-March 1959		District Assessment Form, June 1959	
		Increase	Decrease
Balance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,125.62	\$2,625.62
Federal Aid	3,100.00	3,878.00	778.00
State Aid	900.00	900.00	66.00
Elementary Tuition	9,360.00	7,680.00	\$1,680.00
High School Tuition	18,624.00	15,908.00	2,776.00
Trust Funds	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Other	1,020.00	1,020.00	
	<u>\$39,504.00</u>	<u>\$38,511.62</u>	<u>\$3,469.62</u>
			3,469.62
		Total decrease in income	\$1,987.38
<b>Total Budget: March, 1959</b>	\$109,104.00		
Increase voted at meeting	1,556.00		
	<u>\$110,660.00</u>		
	38,511.62		
	<u>\$ 72,148.38</u>		

Approval of the state plan under Title III of the National Defense Education Act was made in November. Directions of procedure for school districts followed shortly and we are nearly ready to submit our local plan for the use of the Federal funds available under this act. As soon as our plan is approved orders will be placed for the equipment to strengthen and improve the areas of mathematics and science.

It was decided at the December Supervisory Union meeting to request each school board to include an article in the school district warrant that would give the district's citizens an opportunity to consider the advisability of adding a Helping Teacher to the administrative staff of the Supervisory Union. This article is included in the warrant.

A Helping Teacher is an assistant to the Superintendent who usually spends the most of his or her time working to improve education at the elementary level. The guiding purpose of a Helping Teacher is the improvement of childrens' learning in school and the realization of this purpose is by helping the classroom teacher help the children. The classroom teacher is helped to develop her best potentialities. The Helping Teacher passes on to the classroom teacher the best of what is being done in other schools in the Supervisory Union and helps teachers keep abreast of the advances being made in curriculum and methods of teaching.

A helping teacher is an especially qualified teacher who has had a number of years of successful experience and usually has a masters degree in education covering administration, supervision, child growth and development, curriculum study, guidance, special education, tests and measurements.

The work of the superintendent and helping teacher is closely integrated. They work cooperatively to promote the best possible educational program without duplication of effort.

#### ENROLLMENT BY GRADE, January 4, 1960

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
	22	15	17	14	15	18	30	42					173
								16	21	17	21		75

Comparing figures in the chart above with last year's figures shows a gain of 35 pupils in the elementary grades and a loss of 20 pupils in Grades 9-12.

#### TUITION PUPILS ATTENDING ALSTEAD SCHOOLS, January 4, 1960

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Acworth							7	5	2	3	4	2	23
Langdon					1	1	11	7	1	6	4	4	35
Marlow									3	1	2	2	8
Goshen-Lempster										1			1
Hartland, Vt.										1			1
Swanzy		1	1	1	1								4
Total		1	1	1	2	1	18	12	6	12	10	8	72

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school board, teachers, parents, pupils and citizens for their cooperation.

ELLIOTT W. KEACH  
Superintendent of Schools



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE FOR ALSTEAD

The following is my report for the year ending June 30, 1959:

142 pupils were examined by Dr. Tatem  
The following defects were noted and reported:

5 wax ear plugs  
82 in need of Dental Care

235 pupils had vision tests given by the school nurse  
26 pupils received vision notices  
153 pupils had hearing tests given by the school nurse  
1 pupil with hearing defect under care  
237 pupils were weighed and measured  
28 pupils attended polio clinics  
20 pupils attended pre-Registration Clinic  
16 pupils were checked and necessary follow-up done  
for smallpox vaccination  
1 pupil under Orthopedic Clinic care  
101 pupils tested for Albumin and Sugar  
85 pupils were instructed in Dental Education

In studying the aims of the School Health Program one finds that health education is becoming another added aim to the list.

The aims of health education:

1. To instruct children and young people so that they may conserve and improve their own health.
2. To promote satisfactory understandings, attitudes and ways of behavior among parents and other adults so that they may maintain and improve the health of home and community.
3. To improve the individual and community life of the future; to work toward a better second generation and still better third generation.

Perhaps in this area we can integrate more Health Education into our daily living.

My sincere thanks to all who gave their time and effort to make this year a success.

Mrs. Ellen Pearce, R. N.

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord, New Hampshire**

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The School Board  
Alstead School District  
Alstead, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Alstead School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1959, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the District. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

**SCOPE OF AUDIT**

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the School Board and the School District Treasurer.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Comparative Balance Sheets: (Exhibit A)**

Comparative Balance Sheets as of June 30, 1958 and June 30, 1959, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Net Debt decreased \$5,878.33 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1959.

**Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)**

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the School District during the fiscal year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein.

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits C & D)**

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1959, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit D), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$3,870.41, less a revenue deficit of \$626.77, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$3,243.64.

**Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)**

A summary statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1959, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of June 30, 1959, is indicated in Exhibit F.

**Statement of Bonded Debt: (Exhibit G)**

A statement of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the School District as of June 30, 1959, showing annual debt service requirements, is contained in Exhibit G.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

### Current Surplus:

The current surplus (excess of total assets over current liabilities) increased from \$2,247.29 to \$4,125.62, during the fiscal year as shown by the following statement:

	June 30, 1958	June 30, 1959
Total Assets	\$2,447.10	\$4,558.45
Current Liabilities	<u>199.81</u>	<u>432.83</u>
Current Surplus	2,247.29	4,125.62

### School District Treasurer:

The Treasurer records in the cash book only the manifest number and the amount of the manifest. In order that a reconciliation between and cash book balance and the bank balance may be made monthly, it is again recommended that each check issued be recorded in numerical sequence in the cash book.

### Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 184, of the Laws of 1955, require that this report or the summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the School District.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Alstead School District for their assistance during the course of the Audit.

Harold G. Fowler, Director  
Division of Municipal Accounting  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

O. Maurice Oleson, Auditor  
Laurence M. Bean, Accountant

## CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts of the Alstead School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1959. In our opinion, the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District on June 30, 1959, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Harold G. Fowler, Director  
Division of Municipal Accounting  
STATE TAX COMMISSION

**NOTE:** The schedule of exhibits that are reported by the state auditors may be examined by any interested parties at any regular school board meeting.

# SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1960 - 1961

	Actual Expenditures 1958-1959	Adopted Budget 1959-1960	Proposed Budget 1960-1961
<b>Administration</b>			
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 481.00	\$ 481.00	\$ 481.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)*	752.70	804.00	859.00
Tax for state wide Supervision	374.00	372.00	366.00
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	449.60	482.00	524.00
Supplies and Expenses	1,052.24	1,273.00	1,073.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,109.54</b>	<b>\$ 3,412.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,303.40</b>
<b>Instruction</b>			
Teachers' Salaries, High School	\$25,191.50	\$31,070.00)	\$64,863.00
Teachers' Salaries, Elementary	26,188.30	30,455.00)	
Principals' Salaries, High School and Elementary	5,950.00		
Books and Instructional Aids, High School	992.86	1,517.00	1,250.00
Books and Instructional Aids, Elementary	492.01	1,220.00	1,100.00
Scholars' Supplies, High School	650.48	858.00	900.00
Scholars' Supplies, Elementary	580.45	1,261.00	800.00
Supplies and Other Expenses, High School	679.54	780.00	625.00
Supplies and Other Expenses, Elementary	78.36	410.00	475.00
	<b>\$60,803.50</b>	<b>\$67,571.00</b>	<b>\$70,013.00</b>
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>			
Salaries of Custodians, High School	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Salaries of Custodians, Elementary	1,820.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Fuel or Heat, High School	1,950.15	2,200.00	1,700.00
Fuel or Heat, Elementary	607.57	1,125.00	1,000.00
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses, High School	1,509.08	1,450.00	1,500.00
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses, Elementary	1,021.38	1,050.00	1,100.00
	<b>\$ 9,908.18</b>	<b>\$11,025.00</b>	<b>\$10,500.00</b>
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>			
Repairs and Replacements, High School	\$ 1,223.00	\$ 3,863.00	\$ 1,200.00
Repairs and Replacements, Elementary	361.59	1,357.00	700.00
	<b>\$ 1,584.59</b>	<b>\$ 5,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,900.00</b>

### Auxiliary Activities

Health Supervision, High School	\$ 305.13	\$ 503.00 )	\$ 1,113.60
Health Supervision, Elementary	457.76	703.00 )	
Transportation, High School	1,307.87	1,250.00 )	
Transportation, Elementary	3,575.99	4,850.00 )	6,000.00
Tuition, High School	367.00	388.00	399.00
Tuition, Elementary	230.00	240.00	
Special Activities and Special Funds, High School		190.00 )	
Special Activities and Special Funds, Elementary		50.00 )	240.00
School Lunch, High School	410.00	580.00 )	
School Lunch, Elementary	600.17	820.00 )	1,400.00
Total	\$ 7,253.92	\$ 9,574.00	\$ 9,152.60

### Fixed Charges

Retirement, High School	\$ 2,118.12	\$ 2,588.00 )	\$ 5,638.00
Retirement, Elementary	1,904.62	2,373.00 )	
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses, High School	601.00	800.00 )	
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses, Elementary	1,067.12	785.00 )	1,764.00
Total	\$ 5,690.86	\$ 6,546.00 )	\$ 7,402.00

### Capital Outlay:

Additions and Improvements, High School	\$ 400.00	\$ 50.00 )	\$ 200.00
Additions and Improvements, Elementary	575.00	50.00 )	
New Equipment, High School	514.00	1,300.00 )	1,320.00
New Equipment, Elementary	170.98	498.00 )	
Total	\$ 1,659.98	\$ 1,898.00	\$ 1,520.00

### Debt and Interest

Principal of Debt	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,105.00
Interest on Debt	1,419.02	1,414.00	1,183.00
Total	\$ 5,419.02	\$ 5,414.00	\$ 5,288.00
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1959	\$ 95,429.59	\$ 110,660.00	\$109,079.00
General Fund	4,443.45		
Grand Total	\$ 99,873.04		

\* State's Share \$4,000.00; Gilsun \$249.60; Marlow \$171.00; Surry \$210.60; Walpole \$2,125.50; Westmoreland \$390.00

# ESTIMATED INCOME

	Actual Income 1958-1959	Adopted Budget 1959-1960	Proposed Budget 1960-1961
Balance, July 1, 1958:			
General Fund	\$ 2,447.10	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Federal Aid	1,949.89	2,478.00	2,070.00
National School Lunch	1,010.17	1,400.00	1,400.00
State Foundation Aid	265.74		
State Building Aid	1,137.08	900.00	900.00
Local Taxation	63,008.30		
Elementary School Tuitions	6,155.40	9,360.00	6,550.00
Secondary School Tuitions	17,310.00	18,624.00	17,556.00
Trust Funds	6,239.36	5,000.00	5,000.00
Other	<u>350.00</u>	<u>1,020.00</u>	<u>861.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$99,873.04	\$40,282.00	\$39,337.00
 To be raised by taxation		<u>\$70,378.00</u>	<u>\$69,742.00</u>
Grand Total		\$110,660.00	\$109,079.00



**ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Statement of Bonded Indebtedness, Showing Annual Maturities of**  
**Principal and Interest**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1959**

Elementary School Construction  
 Bonds  
 2½%

\$65,000.00

Amount of Issue

Date of Issue

June 1st, 1954

Principal Payable Date

June 1st

Interest Payable Dates

December 1st & June 1st

Payable At

Merchants National Bank - Boston  
 or Bellows Falls Trust Company -  
 Bellows Falls, Vermont

<b>Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending:</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>INTEREST</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
June 30, 1960	\$ 3,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$ 4,250.00
June 30, 1961	3,000.00	1,175.00	4,175.00
June 30, 1962	3,000.00	1,100.00	4,100.00
June 30, 1963	4,000.00	1,025.00	5,025.00
June 30, 1964	4,000.00	925.00	4,925.00
June 30, 1965	4,000.00	825.00	4,825.00
June 30, 1966	4,000.00	725.00	4,725.00
June 30, 1967	4,000.00	625.00	4,625.00
June 30, 1968	4,000.00	525.00	4,525.00
June 30, 1969	4,000.00	425.00	4,425.00
June 30, 1970	4,000.00	325.00	4,325.00
June 30, 1971	4,000.00	225.00	4,225.00
June 30, 1972	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>	<u>5,125.00</u>
	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 9,275.00	\$59,275.00

**ALSTEAD SCHOOL BUS NOTE**

Interest and Payment Date:

September 13th

Interest Rate:

3%

Amount Borrowed:

\$9,081.09

Paid to date:

7,040.92

Outstanding Balance

\$2,040.17

## VILAS HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

1958 - 1959

Colleges and Universities are requiring that Seniors take college board examinations as one of their requirements for admission. A candidate has less consideration if he or she does not do better than average on the examination and their high school grades are also closely scrutinized. Parents have an obligation to their children to insist that their boy or girl spend enough time in outside the classroom study, to insure that they have the necessary background for post secondary work.

The school schedule of three one-hour periods in the morning and four forty-five minute periods in the afternoon denotes that there must be home study.

One of the forty-five minute periods is devoted to band on Monday and Wednesday, and chorus on Tuesday and Thursday. All students carry four subjects, and this leaves only two study periods if they take band and chorus. Students interested in music should take this opportunity as music is a great asset in present and later life.

Fifteen students graduated in the class of 1958; two joined the armed services, three are in college, three are married and seven are working.

Twenty-two students graduated in 1959. Six are in the armed services, four in college, two married, five are working and five are working in the secretarial field.

Our Girls' State representatives were Alva Derrington and Roberta Relihan.

Our Boys' State representative was Charles Simmons.

Our Good Citizenship Girl was Ella Knight. The Annual Legion Oratorical contest was won by Sandra Mavor.

The annual foul shooting trophy was won by Stanley Kmiec for three years.

### MATH DEPARTMENT

Algebra II was not offered in September, being a yearly alternate with Plane Geometry. Otherwise, the math program includes the following:

Subject	Grade	Contents
General Math	9	Our number system, informal geometry, fractions, per cent, budgets and finances, insurance, algebra, graphs, taxes, transportation. A new text was introduced in September.

Algebra I	9	Fundamentals, linear equations, signed numbers, polynomials, graphs, pairs of linear equations, special products and factors, fractional equations, roots, radicals, quadratic equations.
Plane Geometry	10 & 11	Fundamentals, axioms, postulates, triangles, parallel lines, polygons, circles, locus, areas, all the theorems, inductive and deductive reasoning, inequalities, ratio and proportion.
Advanced Math	12	Solid geometry, plane trigonometry, and slide rule, statistics, analytic geometry. A new text was introduced in September.

Mr. Heman Chase demonstrated the use of the surveyor's transit and trigonometry to the advanced math class of 1959. The advanced math class of 1960 visited the Jones & Lamson plant in Springfield, Vermont and were shown the applications of algebra and trigonometry. All the math classes of 1959 were visited by Dr. Baum of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, who spoke on different aspects of modern mathematics.

## PHYSICS

A new, up-to-date text was introduced and the use of workbooks for the laboratory periods was discontinued in September. At this point it appears that both were improvements in the physics course.

The course includes mechanics of solids, forces in liquids, forces in gases, motion, the nature of matter, heat, sound, electricity, magnetism, light, and atomic energy.

The physics class of 1959 visited the N. E. Power plant in Bellows Falls, Vermont; and at another date, Chase's Mill.

## GENERAL SCIENCE

After a brief overview of the various methods and attitudes of science, and an introduction to different fields of science, our actual course of study began with the air around us, its composition, affects on life, and general characteristics.

Following units have dealt with weather, heat and its effects, atomic construction of matter and a study of the earth and its changes. In studying the earth and its changes, particular attention was spent on local landforms as a result of glaciation and other forces. Rocks and minerals, especially those common to the surrounding area have also been studied.

Experiments, daily assignments and monthly projects have been the primary activities of the students.

## CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

The chemistry department functions to provide training in chemistry on the high school level as a prerequisite to further training on the college level. The majority of the chemistry is college preparatory although some of the study is in general chemistry found around the home, farm, or industry. One double period a week is set aside for experiments on the current lecture material.

The department is quite adequately equipped at the present with a good supply of materials and supplies.

Today with the great need for this type of trained personnel, students who have the ability to do chemistry are encouraged to take it with hopes of college training in the future.

## ENGLISH

In our English classes we strive for enjoyment and critical interpretation of various types of literature as well as the more formal aspects of written composition dealt with in grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary and the like. In the general work of the course many language skills are interwoven with the reading of many stories, plays or poetry. Among these are good listening habits, better reading skills, ability to think independently, and written and oral skill. The latter is brought about by reports, group discussions, and dramatizations.

Students in grade eleven are primarily studying American literature, and those in grade twelve are studying the best works of English writers. Every class, however, is studying at least one Shakespearian play; since written composition is especially stressed, students write about one theme a week.

Under the direction of the department the following plays were produced on Fair Day: "Are We Dressing" by grades eleven and twelve; "Miss Harper's Birthday" by grades nine and ten; and "Introducing Debby" by the Junior High.

In the Annual Competition Play Contest, Vilas presented "The Crimson Cocoon".

## THE HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT

For the year 1959-1960 there were 43 Junior High girls and 23 High School girls, making a total of 66.

Being divided into two groups the Junior High girls study a variety of courses such as Child Care, Good Grooming, Food Preservation, Care of Room, Food; with emphasis on Breakfasts and Luncheons, Personality, Clothing Selection and construction. These courses will aid them in acquiring the necessary knowledge they will find important as they join the Senior High group.

The Senior High girls are participants in the courses of Family Relations, Child Care, Home Nursing, Good Grooming, Clothing Selection and Construction, Meal Planning and Table Service, Food Preparation, with more work on meats, vegetables, breads, and desserts.

Linda Bascom was the winner of the Cherry Pie Contest and went to Walpole to compete in the Regional Contest.

The F.H.A. girls made stuffed animals for Crotchet Mountain Center at Christmas. At an assembly in March the girls will be called upon to model the garments they have made.

To our present facilities there has been added one new electric stove, which we appreciate very much.

A field trip became the main event for the eighth grade late in the fall. They went to Bellows Falls to select materials and patterns for the garments that they constructed in clothing classes.

Home projects are important events occurring in Home Economics. Each person selects four projects that they wish to accomplish during one school year, putting in no less than a total of 120 hours.

Home visits are aids to home projects. If a problem arises that is too difficult for a student to solve alone, the teacher often helps by paying a visit to the student's home. In fact, every participant in grades 9-12 of this course is at one time called upon to play hostess to the teacher at their home.

Alva Derrington is the State Vice-president in the F.H.A.

Nine of the F.H.A. girls attended the Eastern States Exposition. The October fall meeting of the State F.H.A. was held at U.N.H. to which 12 F.H.A. girls from Vilas attended.

The F.H.A. again, as in the past, helped to sponsor the High School Fair, in October and also the Annual Christmas Party.

## COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

The courses in the Commercial Department consist of Office Practice, Typing I, Typing II, Personal Typing, Shorthand, and Bookkeeping.

In Office Practice each student puts to use all skills learned in other business subjects to this date. The course is set up so that each student does a variety of jobs that might face her in the office. It is a good course because of the combining of all the business subjects.

Typing I and Personal Typing are set up with the same objectives: to acquaint the students with the business letter and the personal letter, with emphasis more toward the business letter and all its parts. Most of the students enjoy typing and have definite assignments for each week. Each student completes a quota with a minimum standard for each week and working to the maximum standard.



Typing II combines the basic skills learned in first year typing and adds to it the various forms and jobs that might face the typist in one of the better typing positions. The use of workbooks in this class helps the student become familiar with different types of letterheads and business forms.

Shorthand gives the student a chance to test his skill in writing for speed and at the same time working for accuracy after learning the basic forms. Most students enjoy the class because of goals that are to be attained during the course. These goals are in regard to writing speed and later on for transcription speed.

Bookkeeping is broken down into each part of the complete bookkeeping cycle. It is taught in such a way that each week the students add another step to the overall process. Eventually they will be given sets to put this whole process to work in one set of books.

## **FRENCH**

Three years of French are now offered to those students who wish to study a foreign language for college preparation or for their own personal satisfaction.

This year much emphasis has been placed on listening to and speaking French. Many tapes and records prepared by native French people are employed in all classes, giving students the opportunity to comprehend and imitate a variety of French voices.

The students also learn the fundamentals of grammar and written composition.

They correspond with French pen pals, put on a French assembly, and dine at a French restaurant, enabling them not only to make use of the language, but also to learn about French culture and customs first hand.

## **VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE**

The Agriculture program is a Federally supported program, a certain per cent of the teacher's salary is derived from Federal and State Funds. The program is set up to meet the requirements of the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917. Each class meets seven hours a week and each student carries on a Planned Agricultural Experience Program (PAEP) under the supervision of the instructor. This program supplements the students classroom studies and widens his horizons for the years of adulthood.

The program of study in the past has been especially designed for the boy who remains on the farm after graduation. Today a new program is planned not only for the boy who chooses farming for his life work, but also for the boy who may choose any one of the thousands of agribusinesses which employ 41% of the country's total working force.



Much of the time is spent on farm mechanics to improve the boy's skill and efficiency in this field.

The Future Farmer of America which is an integral part of vocational agriculture plays an important role in the boy's training. In the past year Reginald Clark won the FFA State Tractor Driving Contest in competition with all Vo-ag boys in the state. Ten boys entered the state interscholastic judging competition at Durham. Kenneth Christie placed second highest individual livestock judge in the state. Ralph Nichols was third in poultry judging. Besides attending the state FFA convention in North Conway the FFA spent a day at the Eastern States in Springfield.

The FFA placed in many other contests held throughout the state such as Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure contests. Charles Simmons represented the chapter at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. The Chapter presented him with \$100.00 to help defray expenses.

The greenhouse was operated as usual and the bonds are being paid as rapidly as possible.

### **PROBLEMS OF DEMOCRACY**

This course is designed to give the Seniors in high school a review of the Social Studies curriculum. Within this course the student is given basic background material pertaining to Social Studies, plus an introduction to International Relation, Economics, and Sociology.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY**

The student in this course is exposed to an extensive study of the United States Constitution and other documents which helped in its construction. The student is also given an understanding of many other basic topics pertaining to American History.

### **CIVICS**

This is a course concerned primarily with government--its laws and operation. Thus far the course has encompassed the operation of our national government and its various relations with other nations through pacts and the United Nations.

A considerable amount of time was spent with the content of the Federal Constitution; after studying the composition, the students were then shown how the constitution applies to the actual governing of the land. The three main branches of the Federal Government was covered in this process.

After a study of the internal government on the national level, foreign policy was then given. Various defense pacts such as N.A.T.O. and S.E.A.T.O. were included in this portion of study. The United Nations also has been adequately covered.

Current events each week, various projects, and daily assignments have constituted the major student activities.

With the approach of the town meetings, local, county, and state government will be studied individually.

## **HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION**

In September the students began the year with the brief study of pre-historic man. Shortly thereafter the study of ancient civilizations of Europe, the Near and Far East was covered. Emphasis was placed on the civilizations of Greece and Rome.

Medieval Europe and Asia was studied, stressing such events and periods as the Crusades and the development of England from the time of William the Conqueror to Richard I.

An objective look at the religions of the Eastern and Western Worlds was also given as a supplement to the course.

## **GUIDANCE COUNSELING**

Vilas High School is fortunate in being on the list of schools receiving tape recordings from Northeastern University on a great variety of subjects relative to guidance. On each tape recording a subject is discussed by experts, guidance counselors and students. The students from different high schools and colleges ask questions of the experts and counselors, thus sharing the discussion of a topic with the listeners of the tape. Some of the subjects have been: "Kinds of Colleges", "Should I Become An Electrical Engineer", "Careers In Medicine", "Should I Become A Hairdresser", "Apprentice Programs", "Should I Become A Pilot", and many others. The tapes have been very well done, covering each subject thoroughly and clearly.

A group of girls visited the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, getting a first hand view of a large hospital and seeing the duties of the nurses and student nurses. They were also given ample opportunity to discuss details of the nursing school with some student nurses.

A group of students visited Keene Teachers College. They were shown around the campus and the classrooms by KTC students.

A representative of the University of New Hampshire visited the school, as well as representatives from the East Coast Aero Technical School, Nashua Nursing, New England College, and others.

The Kuder preference survey, measuring interests, were administered to many of the juniors and seniors, giving them a better understanding of the course their future should take.

Above are some highlights of what has been taking place in guidance at Vilas. The daily counseling by the faculty cannot be underestimated, as well as the indirect counseling through subject matter.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Soccer became a full time varsity sport at Vilas High School last fall. Vilas played a full S.W.N.H.L. schedule.

Physical education has consisted of physical training, touch football, soccer, relays, basketball, volley-ball, and group games. Girls and boys have participated in the above activities. Spring physical education will consist of archery, softball, perhaps some swimming, tennis, and golf.

The basketball team received new jerseys, and stockings for the current season. Basketball ends February 16, and baseball will start soon after.

### MUSIC PROGRAM

The music program for all grades includes a variety of activities including singing, instrumental instruction, music appreciation, creative music and music theory. Each grade has one weekly class period, high school chorus and band each rehearse twice a week and this year a class in music appreciation has been added for interested students.

On December 12, Kenneth Batchelder, Frank Blake, Bill Smith, and Kenneth Stanley auditioned for all-state band at Newport.

Chorus and band present a concert at Christmas and one in the spring. The chorus participates in the graduation program and expects to have representatives in the all-state chorus at Lebanon in March.

The band participated in both Vilas and Walpole Fair parades and provided music for Memorial Day in Langdon, Alstead and Acworth.

Music for a Founder's Day Program was prepared and presented by the pupils for the February meeting of the P.T.A.

Last year a set of bells was purchased for use in the band and this year an autoharp, a phonograph, and a new parade drum was added to further our musical activities. A good, used piano is needed for the first grade room.







For a number of years, Mr. Vilas maintained his summer home next door to the River Street home, formerly the home of Dr. Winslow Porter and purchased by George E. Lewis in 1898. Meanwhile, purchasing a 300 acre farm in Alstead, he built a handsome home and on part of the estate created and developed "Vilas Pool", a free recreation park opened to the public in 1926. It includes a large swimming pool, boating facilities with swan boats, a dancing pavilion, picnic area, playground equipment, and stone tower with a carillon of 12 bells, said to be the second largest in New England.

Personally, he was a man of calm, placid, and even tempered disposition, modest in his philanthropies, creative and original in his ideas, and noted for his hospitality. Politically, he was a Republican and in religion a Presbyterian. He was twice married; first, on December 16, 1879 to Elizabeth Harrington of New York, who died in 1889, leaving three children, all of whom pre-deceased him and second, on January 24 1918 to Jessie (Ford) Vilas of Pasadena, California. He died at Alstead September 8, 1931 and she died at Pasadena on February 14, 1959.

Vilas Pool enjoyed by hundreds annually became town property along with a sustaining fund of \$75,000. in his will following Mr. Vilas' death. Under his will also, he gave the town Vilas High School, a \$175,000. building, plus a trust fund of \$125,000. to help support it, dedicated in January 1935; in 1926 the town clock in the steeple of the Universalist Church which stands in the center of the town; the entrance gates to Maple Side Cemetery; a \$1,000. trust fund for care of Vilas lots Maple Side and Alstead Center cemeteries; the field known as Millot Green; and he purchased the ruins following the fire in 1925 which destroyed the New England Telephone office, two stores and a garage, to enlarge parking space and erect a flag pole. Also, a \$10,000. trust fund to each of the town's four churches, three Congregational and the Universalist; a \$20,000. trust fund for bed at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, for Alstead people; and two trust funds, the income therefrom to be used for general purposes for which taxes are used, amounting in total to a half million dollars.

His philanthropies extended beyond Alstead. He gave \$120,000. to Mary Hitchcock Hospital, he being one of the incorporators of the now famous medical center, which is named for his aunt, Mary Hitchcock of Drewsville. He also gave \$70,000. for an interstate bridge between North Walpole and Bellows Falls, which after his death was named the Vilas Memorial Bridge.

The above information pertaining to Mr. Vilas, and the cover pictures used, were furnished by Miss Maybelle Still.



